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1. IN HIS INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH (REFTEL) CHIEF MARTIAL  
LAW ADMINISTRATOR (CMLA) GENERAL ZIA ANNOUNCED THREE ACTIONS  
DESIGNED TO FULFILL PROMISES MADE BY THE MILITARY AT THE TIME  
OF JULY TAKEOVER.

2. ACTING ON AN EARLY COMMITMENT, AND HERALDING THE BEGINNING  
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OF THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMAZAN, THE CMLA ANNOUNCED  
A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL "POLITICAL PRISONERS",  
EXCEPT THOSE CHARGED WITH "HEINOUS" CRIMES, WHO WERE IMPLI-  
CATED IN POLITICAL CASES AFTER JANUARY 1, 1977. GENERAL  
ZIA SAIX THE AMNESTY APPLIED TO HOSE WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN  
SENTENCED, AND TO THOSE WHOSE CASES WERE STILL PENDING.  
ALL WILL BE RELEASED, AND THEIR CASES WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

ZIA SAID THAT THE ORDER WAS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN SEVEN DAYS.

3. ZIA ALSO ACTED TO PLACATE THE CIVIL SERVICE. HE ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SERVICE CONTROL BOARD TO PROVIDE JOB SECURITY AND REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

THE CMLA PROMISED FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE BOARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ZIA ALSO SAID THAT SPECIAL PANELS WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW THE CASES OF ALL THOSE CIVIL SERVANTS WHO WERE REMOVED, OR WERE FORCED INTO RETIREMENT, BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1972 AND JULY 5, 1977.

4. THE GENERAL ANNOUNCED HIS ACCEPTANCE OF A REPORT RECOMMENDING NEW SALARY SCALES AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS FOR BANK EMPLOYEES, WHICH HAD BEEN TWICE DELAYED BY THE BHUTTO GOVERNMENT. AS THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT RUMORS OF A THREATENED STRIKE BY THE BANK EMPLOYEES, ZIA'S MOVE MAY EASE ANOTHER POLITICALLY VOLATILE GROUP INTO THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION'S COLUMN.  
HUMMEL

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